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PROCESS OF INTERFACING A
PATIENT INDIRECTLY WITH THEIR
OWN ELECTRONIC MEDICAL

RECORDS

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DECLARATION OF WAYNE W. MOORE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

- I, Wayne W. Moore of 1100 Johnson Ferry Road, NE, Suite 220, Atlanta, Georgia 30342-1709, am making this declaration in support of the above-referenced patent application (the "Application"). I am not an inventor of the invention described in the Application, and I do not have any ownership interest in the Application. Furthermore, I have never been employed by Debi Whitson.
- 2. I am a Sales Manager for Health Systems, which is the authorized partner for General Electric Healthcare's Centricity Practice Solution. General Electric's ("GE") Centricity software is one of the leading electronic medical record ("EMR") systems in the United States. GE Healthcare has authorized partners whose products work with GE's Centricity software, and PatientLink™ is an authorized partner. However, to my knowledge, GE has no ownership or monetary interest in PatientLink™, other than

PatientLink™ serving as a huge benefit to a medical practice's decision to purchase the GE Centricity EMR system, as discussed below.

- 3. My experience promoting and marketing PatientLink™ to our existing and new EMR customers has been overwhelmingly positive. PatientLink™ is seen as a huge benefit to the practices we serve and is a truly unique advantage that allows for "patient entered" data for historical and subjective data to be entered into the EMR. This saves the medical practice a minimum of 5 minutes per patient visit. With most practices seeing 30 to 40 patients per day per provider, this translates to tangible savings for the practice on a daily basis.
- 4. One of the biggest challenges physicians face when switching from a paper chart to an EMR is that they can not afford to be slowed down by data entry. We often ask in a presentation "who represents the least overhead that could enter historical patient data?" The answer is the patient.
- 5. When a patient fills out the PatientLink™ scantron card, it is scanned and the data elements go directly into the EMR. PatientLink™ has cards to gather chief complaints, such as symptoms, history of present illness, problems, allergies, past medical history, family history, past surgical history, social history, risk factors, and review of systems. All of this data is very important to the quality of care. Because of the fact that PatientLink™ ties the patient responses to these data elements, reports on historical data can be run and data elements can trigger preventative medicine protocols.
- 6. It is my opinion that PatientLink™ provides a way for all the subjective data to be entered into the EMR <u>before</u> the physician enters the exam room. This way the physician can review the history, ask any questions he has about what the patient has

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entered, and move quickly to the physical exam and assessment plan, and then on to the next patient.

- 7. PatientLink™ is an essential component to providing a solution to enable the medical practice to become more efficient and recoup its investment in the EMR sconer.
- I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are 8. true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted.